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# BOARD REFUSES TO REINSTATE V. M. I. CADETS

Pleas for Mercy Made by Parents Prove Unavailing.

## MAY COME BACK NEXT SESSION

Their Re-Enlistment Will Then Be Dependent on Record-State Cadets Lost Appointment. Affecting Scenes at Capitol as Friends and Relatives Speak.

In the face of the tears of parents and elequent pleas for mercy from friends and attorneys, the hoard of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute last night unanimously refused to reinstate any of the eighty members of the third class of the institute, which was dismissed on February 20 for mutiny. Those who appeared for the former cadets were accorded full time in which to state their case, and the board showed the greatest sympathy

for individual cases where the hard-ships were fully recognized.

General E. W. Nichols, the superin-tendent, made a clear and dispassionate statement of the case, and took occasion to pay a high compliment to the class as a whole, for its position against hazing, for its intellectual attainments, and for its good behavior heretofore. Further, he stated that the offense for which the class was expelled was committed entirely under a mistaken sense of honor. But he was forced to say, and was upheld in his view by the board, that the boys had been guilty of one unpardonable sin in a military school—the crime of mutiny, which is not to be tolerated in any institution purporting to be conducted with discipline, especially in the foremost military school in the United States save the Military Acad-

The refusal to reinstate does not prejudice the case of any dismissed eadet to apply for re-enlistment next September as a new student. Each application will then be considered on its merits, each student admitted will be placed in classes in accordance with the results of his entrance examination, and his former record will be consulted icize Tar with a view to barring him if this is Shepard. not satisfactory. But their expulsion stands; they have no standing in the school, and the State cadets lost their appointment. Under the circumstances it is not believed for a moment that any one of these can again secure the free tuition which he has forfeited through his own conduct.

To those who attended the hearing, the difficult situation of the members of the board of visi heartbreaking stories of widows and heartbreaking stories of widows and of parents who are struggling to give to the party as a consequence of the satisfactory condition of the corps. the board stood firm for what it work of preventing the board stood firm for what it work of preventing the black of the stood firm for what it work of preventing the black of the stood firm for what it work of preventing the black of the stood firm for what it work of preventing the black of the stood firm for what it work of preventing the black of the stood firm for what it work of preventing the black of the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of preventing the stood firm for what it work of the stoo own consciences. They fully manifest- Hall as a voting trust," the statement court and the higher authorities have their possession of that quality

Text of Resolution. The board's resolution was as fol

of the superintendent concerning the causes which ied up to the dismissal of eighty cadets on February 19, 20 and 21, 1911, and having also listened to the arguments of parents and friends of the said ex-cadets applying for re-Instatement, and having maturely considered the entire subject, unqualifiedly indorses the action of the superintendiscipline and best interests of the Virpromoted by reinstatement of any of board is therefore constrained to denv board, however, shall not prejudice the referred to, who shall have the right for re-enlistment in the Virginia Military Institute at the beginappointment in each case to be contingent upon a review of the class standing and conduct by the superintendent, who shall have full authority

In each case." present when Chairman Rorer A. James called the board of visitors to order at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They were: Rorer A. James, Danville; Colonel Joseph Button, Richmond; Cap tain Thomas L. Tate, Pulaski; former Lieutenant-Governor Edward Echols. Staunton; Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Egglesten, Jr., Rich-mond; Adjutant-General W. W. Sale, mond; Adjutant-General W. Richmond; George W. Browning, Orange; General Charles J. Anderson, Richmond; General C. C. Vaughan, Jr Franklin. The courtroom of the State Corporation Commission, where the meeting was held, was filled with rela-

tives and friends of the ex-cadets. Statement of Case. Superintendent E. W. Nichols was whole affair as an introduction. He the boys at what they regarded as never has been, and would not accept the overzealous actions of some of the cadet officers. This was manifested in the throwing of bombs and attempted "roughing" of the officers. The third class boys blamed the second class men with these disturbances, which the latter class denied.

This situation had been going on for about three days when the attention of General Nichols was called to

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# COAST ARTILLERY **CORPS DISBANDED**



CAPTAIN C. A. MCLEAN.

Makes Bitter Reply to Letter Written by Edward M. Shepard.

## BREAKS PRECEDENTS

Holds Retired Candidate Responsible for All Harm Done to Party.

New York, February 27 .- Charles F a nine-page typewritten statement replying to and bitteriy attacking Edward M. Shepard, who characterized men all have their friends and their intorship fight. He holds Mr. Shepard directly to blame for the deadlock at Albany, and says he is inclined to believe that Mr. Shepard and his friends would not have been so quick to criticize Tammany Hall had it supported Shepard. To clinch this assertion he says that Shepard's friends begged his (Murphy's) support.

"Their criticism of Tammany Hall is beside the point," says Mr. Murphy. knew in their hearts how unfounded against the Democratic organization in

# Offered to Withdraw.

Murphy reveals in his statement that

their boys an education in the school which is the pride of the South, and the tears of mothers and sisters, were senough to wring the hardest heart. But the senough to wring the hardest heart is the senough to wring the hardest heart is the senough to wring the hardest heart. But the senough to wring the hardest heart is the senough to wring the hardest heart. But the senough to wring the hardest heart is the senough to the party as a consequence of the senough to the party as a consequence of the senough.

Racy Testimony.

In case, as the result of adverse comment, the Adjutant-General finds it has been directly caused, in the first place, by Mr. Shepard and accentuated since by his friends of the minority in their divisable to publish the testimony adverse. the board stood firm for what it be- work of preventing the majority from duced at the hearing, the situation, it

continues. "But I hesitate greatly to preserved the silence of the grave, believe that Mr. Shepard or any of his it is well understood that the typefriends would have found any fault written evidence, which makes with the support of Tammany Hall if immense volume, contains some matthey nad succeeded in their efforts to ters which would be exceedingly more secure such support for him as Sen- interesting reading for the public than ator any more than they would hav for the men referred to therein. been put out with it if Mr. Sheparo As the Governor says in his had succeeded in being nominated for there are some officers who have tried

The Tammany leader says he agrees with Mr. Shepard that the integrity lieu of the four which existed up to of the party is at stake, but that the overrule the majority.

charged with trying to defeat efforts to strengthen the party in this State, and Mr. Murphy concludes that if they succeed in "setting aside Democrati usage and principle and preventing the overwhelming majority of the party from governing, then it is upon their shoulders that the responsibility for ensuing disaster must rest."

Albany, N. Y., February 27 .- With a iew to bringing about a break in the senatorial deadlock, it was stated tonight on high authority that the men most prominent in the councils of the having been organized only about a Democratic party have been endeavor-ing to persuade William F. Sheehan, the caucus nominee, to withdraw, Mr. Sheehan has turned down all

such suggestions, it is understood, contending that the caucus nomination en-The withdrawal, however, of Edward

M. Shepard, has encouraged Governor Dix, who said to-day that he was hopeful that the situation would soon be cleared.

It is said that Governor Dix has concluded that Mr. Sheehan cannot be elected, and that it would seem to be the his duty, in the interest of the party to retire gracefully in favor of a compromise candidate.

It is not definitely known that Goverintendent E. W. Nichols was to make a statement of the but he feels that there is plenty of affair as an introduction. He of the troubles which led up to fifth the feels that there is plenty of available men who would cement all factions of the party. He declared emailtary, men from his own town.

The opportunity for the Coast Archive destroying the power of political and general electorates by enacting the professor C. Alphonso Smith Concludes Series in Berlin. whole affair as an introduction. He told of the troubles which led up to the dismissal of—the third class. It be factions of the party. He declared emthe dismissal of the third class. It began, he said, with the displeasure of phatically to-night that he hisself tillery are unquestionably great. The

> To-day's joint ballot following the unimportant, as no quorum was present tering of Insurgent votes. Three new Governor Thomas F. Conway, ex-Atand Edward M. Grout, former comptroller of New York City,

Entire Command Ousted From Military Service of Virginia.

## ALL COMMISSIONS ARE REVOKED

Court of Inquiry Report Says Discipline Does Not Exist. Two New Companies Will Be Organized-Three Hundred Men Go Out Without Honor.

Acting upon the recommendations submitted by the court of inquiry which recently made an examinaof the affairs of the Coast Artillery Corps, Virginia Volunteers, Governor Mann yesterday issued an Governor Mann yesterday issued an order disbanding all four companies of this branch of the service, and revoking the commissions of the officers, "Discipline in any sense of the word," says the report of the court, "does not exist in the corps." It is also stated that the attendance of this command on their duties at Fort Monommand on their duties at Fort Monroe during the encampment of last summer was in the nature of a picnic to a great number of the men, and that the officers did not attempt to persuade them that they were there as a military organization for service. It is further said that the officers and men, for the most part, seem to be gnorant of the fundamental duties and cosponsibilities of soldiers.

Evidence Withheld. This scathing criticism is based upon the evidence taken during the hear-ings before the inquiry court. The stenographic report is in the possession of General W. W. Sale, but he does not intend to make it public unless some of the officers whose pres-ence in the service has been at once a joke and a reproach should dare to attempt to re-enter the military, and to present their names to the authorities for commissions.

fluence, and it is anticipated that their cries will reach to high heaven. The Adjutant-General and the Governor all the military men of Richmond will miss their guess.

McLean as Commander. Captain Charles A. McLean, the corps commander, goes out with the rest, his commission being revoked. Captain McLean is in command of the First Company, and has been at the head of the corps by virtue of being the oldest captain in point of service. Many attempts have been made to elect a ma jor, but without avail. The long dead-lock between him and Captain Charles Parker Breese has done much to fo-ment strife in the command. The vote was a tie between the two men.

The more recent cause of the court utter lack of discipline, the want of

As the Governor says in his order. Governor at Rochester instead of Mr | to do their best for the command, and these the State hopes to retain. It is planned to organize two companies in yesterday, one in Norfolk and the other in Portsmouth, and it is probable that the better officers, those who attempt-Mr. Shepard and his friends are then ed to do their duty, will be elected.

Must Take Inventory. The matter of checking up and taking an inventory of the military prop the corps has at least \$25,000 worth of arms and furnishings belonging to the United States government, and this must all be accounted for.

The order involves 280 men, two of the companies being located in Norfolk and the others in Portsmouth. It is worthy of note that the company nation. placed at the head in military efficiency is the Fourth, which is the youngest,

year. No such drastic action in military affairs can be recalled in the military history of Virginia. The discharge of an entire arm of the service is recogficance, which would have been taken only as a last resort, and with the conviction that the corps was in such hands that a reformation was hopeless, and that only a revolution could be of effect.

Sale Commended. dence, but that no one could fail to: admire the backbone displayed by Gen. | leges. Concluding, he said: eral Sale, who thus, for the good of the service of the Virginia Volunteers ecutive is the beginning of dictator-\$1,000.

TAFT ACCUSED OF USING POWER TOINTIMIDATE

Denounced by Senator Bourne, He Finds No Defenders.

# COMPARED TO WARD-HEELER

Oregon Man Claims President Has Wielded His Patronage Club, and Cites Famous Burton Letter Written to Unnamed Iowa Congressman as Example.

Washington, D. C., February 27 .-President Taff, by Inference, was charged to-night with using his appointive power to intimidate members of Cougress. The inferred charge was Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, publican League, and until the recentrouble over an Oregon appointment,

The surprising thing was that, although all of the Senator's audience construed his remarks as an attack upon the President, not a word was uttered in reply.

The famous patronage letter, written by Secretary Norton to an unnamed Iowa Congressman, while President Taft was at Beverly last summer Senators and Congressmen, but would discontinue that practice, was brought into the limelight. On previous occa-sions Insurgent Senators have threatened to read this letter in the Senate but until to-night no public reference had been made to it.

Steam Roller to Scrap Heap. Mr. Bourne opened his speech by a discussion of the Oregon law. He depower of the Federal machine to re-nominate a President or determine his class postmasters will cease to be a political asset for anybody or any

Senator Bourne said that the use of senator Bourne said that the use of the presidential appointing power to coerce members of Congress would be either bribery or intimidation—bribery or intimidation—bribery or intimidation—bribery or intimidation if withheld as punishment. In this connection he whether direct or not, tending to show the president might be kept from convening Congress in extra session if some sort of a vote could be secured. the presidential appointing power to coerce members of Congress would be tors was fully apparent. Tremendour pressure was brought to bear upon
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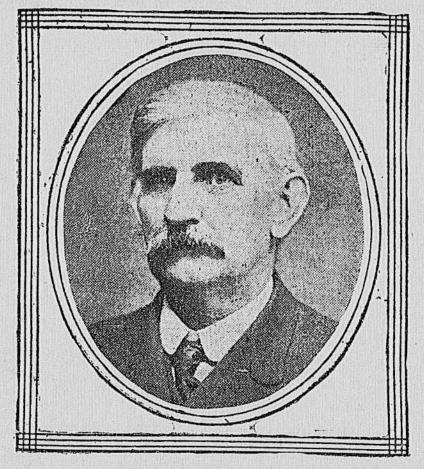
Norton letter is that the President of the United States used Federal patronage to influence the action of members of Congress. This is a charge which yet the whole subject is of such vital importance in the preservation of repcall it to the attention of the country and place in available form such information relating thereto as may come to my attention. The undenied statement indicates a deplorable and dispicable subseuvience upon the part of the legislative branch and a dangerous and demoralizing usurpation upon the part of the executive.

"I would have as much respect for a at the polls as for a President of the United States who uses his appointing power as a means of forcing or per snading members of Congress to determine or change their course of ac tion. One transaction is as dishonest erty will be no small task. Probably as corrupt and as depraving as the other, but the latter is more dangerous, more insidious, more perniclous than the former, because strikes at the very foundation free institutions, sets a precedent corrupt methods in official life and marks the beginning of dictatorship and decadence of

"But, Mr. President, the use of the appointing power to influence the action of members of Congress is only one means by which this power may be abused. Federal patronage is also an effective and dangerous power turned against George B. Cox, the Re-when wielded for the creation or publican leader. Like the first bill, if an effective maintenance of a political machine charges perjury. The original indict with the purpose of forcing renomiment charged Cox with testifying benation of an executive or the nomifore the Hamilton county grand jury nation of a man of his choice."

Agginning of Dictatorship. used to control national conventions, One of the local officers said last use in sending delegations from South-"Extension of the power of the ex-

# City Official Commits Suicide



JACKSON BOLTON.

# CAN'T DETER TAFT FROM HIS PURPOSE

Demands Real Action They Succeed in Advancing on Reciprocity With Canada.

Some Hope to Forestall Extra Roll Call May Be Started, and Session by Getting "Test"

clared that when this law is enacted by all the States it will destroy the successor. The steam roller, he says, will be relegated to the political scrap heap and its operators to the shadow of things forgotten, while fourththat such vote is a real test on the merits of the agreement and not mere-ly an attempt to avoid an extra ses-

de continues:

"I now assert that if harm has come of the party as a consequence of the party as "The natural inference from the against reciprocity would not be overforton letter is that the President of come even in an extra session. The he United States used Federal parent.

Which showed that the opposition and the response of a single as a reciprocity would not be overto his name as called as a result of recent criticisms. About the United States used Federal parent. President declared emphatically to- roll is completed. If the Lorimer supnight that nothing would satisfy him but an absolutely honest vote on the the effect would be to dispose merits of the bill. This was after a case. Under the existing situation some conference at the White House, :t anti-Lorimer Senator of exceptional which Representatives Payne, Dalzell, alertness and with perfect knowledge resentative government that I would Dwight and Gill were present. The of the rules of the Senate must be feel remiss in my duty if I failed to President also had summoned a number of Senators, but owing to the night from the present to noon Saturday if session they could not go, and will a vote is prevented. see the President to-morrow. Discussing the Date.

of the extra session. The date now Crawford began a review of testimony rests practically with the Republican m the case to avoid the submission of leaders, and the President will wait the resolution to the Senate. until he has heard from them before fixing the time definitely for the re-convening of Congress, should it be during the afternoon while necessary. His original intention, he in his denunciation of the Illinois Senwithout delay. Then, in deference to the wishes of Democratic Leaders tentatively. Not wanting it understood, corridors awaiting a chance for a however, that this date had definitely fixed, he summoned the Republican leaders to get their views as to the time which they thought best for the reconvening.

# COX INDICTED AGAIN

Republican Leader Charged Perfury and Graft.
Cincinnati, O., February 27,--A supplementary indictment to-day was re-

1906 that he had received none of the "gratuities" paid by banks to coun-Mr. Bourne outlined the manner in ty treasurers. It stated that in point which civil employes are sometimes of fact, Cox received \$48,500 from John D. Gibson, a former county treasurer. and particularly he complained of their The supplementary indictment includes this charge, and also alleges that Cox night that he knew nothing of the evi- cin States which never send Republic obtained \$17,500 from Tilden R. French, electoral col. also a county treasurer. The second indictment was served

on Mr. Cox to-day. He gave ball for

Case to Position of Advantage.

## held Federal patronage from certain SUBTERFUGES FUTILE GAME OF ALERTNESS NOW

Opposing Senators Can't

Washington, D. C., February 27,-It may but supporters of Senator Lorimer todetermination to call an extra session night advanced the case to where a when the anti-Lorimer forces may be self-destruction, and caught napping. After several Senators reads "apparently suicide." sumption" speeches on the subject of popular election of Senators and Canadian reciprocity. Senator Bailey

porters have the votes claimed by them

Well Satisfied. Satisfied with this proceeding, most The subject discussed at the con-ference was the date for the meeting cloak rooms to smoke, while Senator

With voice hoarsened by the ve semence with which it had been lifted explained to them, had been to call it ator, Senator Crawford at 10:15 o'clock resumed his speech in opposition to Democratic Leaders Mr. Lorimer's retention of Clarke and Underwood, who desired The gallerles of the chamber were him to give six weeks' respite, he had crowded all the evening, while long suggested a compromise date. April 4. lines of the disappointed stood in the

so into night session the body went,

# JACKSON BOLTON KILLS HIMSELF IN BATHROOM

Assistant City Engineer Inhales Gas With Suicidal Intent.

## BODY FOUND BY HIS DAUGHTER

Severe Criticism of Official Acts by Councilmen Responsible for His Desire to Die-Oldest Man in City Government in Point of Continuous Service.

Worn out by forty-two years of pub ic service, First Assistant City Engineer Jackson Bolton committed sulcide by inhaling gas in the bathroom at his home, 110 North Third Street yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. He had been connected with the engineering department since 1869, and was he oldest official of the city govern ment in point of continuous service. He vas sixty-one years of age.

Apparently the act of suicide was entire unpremeditated. Mr. Bolton left no note or word of his intentionno message to City Engineer Bolling members of his family. He made a our of several large pieces of construction work now in progress on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday night he was with Chas Selden and others and seemed in his usual spirits, there being no indication of depression

Found in Buthroom. About 6:30 yesterday morning his son heard him stirring in his room, An hour later his daughter went to call nim and found him lying on the floor of his bathroom fully dressed. The flexible rubber pipe used for a gar stove had been taken from the stove and was lying near his mouth, giving every indication that he had deliberately inhaled the gas with the inten have been accidental-that the took several hours to accomplish it, gas pipe may have become detached night advanced the case to where a oner Taylor, who viewed the remains, roll call may be started at any time said that every indication pointed to

> The body was still warm when found, Dr. W. Armistead Gills was called and worked over the body for some time In hope of resuscitation, assisted by Dr. Worth, Dr. J. G. Trevillan, Dr. fferbert Mann and Ambulance Surgeon

> the premises and interviewed members of the family and others. City En-

two years ago he offered his resignation and withdrew it at the request of City Engineer Bolling. It has been remarked within the past year that he had aged rapidly. No one questioned his personal honesty at any time, but several mistakes and instances of negligence have been charged to him, beginning with the building of the Broad Street deep sewer, which was under his charge. The report of a recent investigating committee which prepared a plan for reorganizing the Engineer's ment censured Mr. Bolton by name for

negligence in certain instances.

Was Under Investigation. A second investigation was to have begun yesterday afternoon at 4:30 clock, when a subcommittee, consistng of Messrs. Vonderlehr, Miller and Gunst, was to have gone into charges brought by Contractor Clarence These charges, which have been in substance admitted to be well founded, were to the effect that the department had two sets of specificaseat.

The grim determination of two powerful members of the Senate to force a vote upon the pending measure dearest to the heart of each to-day threw that body into its first night sitting of this session. The Senators were Bailey and Cummins; the measures were the Lorimer resolution and the permanent tariff board bill.

Senator Bailey wanted a time—some time, any time—fixed for a vote on the Lorimer case.

Senator Cummins wanted the same thing for the tariff board bill, and apparently he wanted it just as much as the Texan wanted a Lorimer vote.

"It will be a test of endurance," said the Texan, and the Iowan appeared quite content to pit his powers against those of the leader of the Lorimer

Bares His Henry. tions for sewers, by the unit system,

forces.

A motion by Senator Hale to take a recess until 8 o'clock was made at 5:30 o'clock. Senator Bafley was willing if a time for a Lorimer vote could be fixed. Senator Cummins objected and bared his heart that the Senators might see how dear to it was the tariff board plan. But the Texan was obdurate, for ke, too, was cherishing a lope that Lorimer might be declared by this Senate to be entitled to his seat.

there any intimation of dishonesty of graft—no charge of any criminal action. Members of the investigating committee say that Mr. Bolton had been all his life a ploading, faithful man, never brilliant, but always true to the city, and that having aged and failed to some extent, the commission of obvious and accumulated errors weighed on his mind. It is not believed that his act was premeditated, but that he suddenly determined yes-